

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2012-05

SUBJECT: STANDING RECUSALS IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CASES

Three judges currently assigned to the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section of the Chancery Division have standing conflicts that require immediate recusal from cases in which certain institutions are participating parties. Those judges are Honorable Alfred M. Swanson, Jr., Honorable Laura C. Liu, and Honorable Jean Prendergast Rooney, assigned to Calendars 55, 56, and 60, respectively. Each judge has entered a standing order in which the judge has recused himself or herself, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 63(C)(1), from all cases involving certain parties due to his or her prior relationship with the entities. (The standing orders are attached hereto as Group Exhibit A.) Due to the high volume of cases heard in the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section, a more efficient procedure is needed to effectuate a reassignment of the case to another calendar through the randomization process and to avoid unnecessary additional court appearances for all parties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Commencing April 16, 2012, a plaintiff will be allowed to come before the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division for a random reassignment of the case to another Mortgage Foreclosure Calendar if the following requirements are met:
 - (a) The case is randomly assigned to Calendar 55, Calendar 56, or Calendar 60 at the time of filing;
 - (b) The case involves an entity designated in the respective standing order, as plaintiff or defendant, requiring recusal by the judge assigned to the calendar;
 - (c) The entity that is the subject of the judge's standing order for recusal is identified in the caption of the case, the motion, and the motion has a copy of the judge's standing order attached to it as an exhibit;
 - (d) The plaintiff is requesting the reassignment prior to the automatically scheduled case management date; and
 - (e) No appearance has been filed by any defendant.

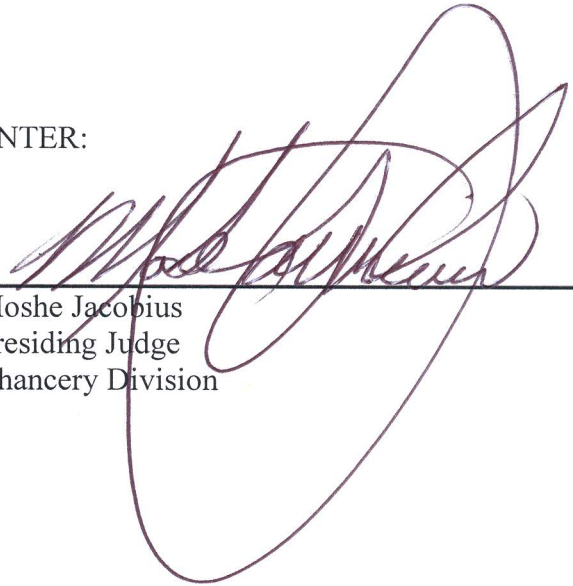
If all of the above requirements are met, the plaintiff may come to the courtroom of the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division for filing, presentment and immediate reassignment to another calendar through entry of the attached order.

After a case has been reassigned from Calendar 55, Calendar 56, or Calendar 60, the Clerk of the Court shall set a new Case Management hearing date to be heard on the newly assigned calendar. The Clerk of the Court shall send a post card notification to all parties who have filed an appearance in the matter at the time of reassignment.

2. If a case is assigned to Calendar 55, Calendar 56, or Calendar 60, and a conflict arises through a motion to intervene, motion to amend the complaint, or a third-party action, a motion for recusal and the corresponding underlying motion the motion shall be spindled on the assigned Mortgage Foreclosure Calendar where the conflict arises. The mortgage foreclosure judge shall enter an order recusing himself or herself pursuant to the standing order and send the case to the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division for reassignment.

This order applies exclusively to reassignments for Calendar 55, Calendar 56, and Calendar 60 based strictly on the standing orders for recusal entered by Judge Swanson, Judge Liu, and Judge Prendergast Rooney.

ENTER:



Moshe Jacobius
Presiding Judge
Chancery Division

Date: April 4, 2012

STANDING ORDER NO. 2
(Recusal from certain cases)
CHANCERY CALENDAR 55
Judge Alfred M. Swanson, Jr.
Room 2803

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 63 C. (1), Judge Alfred M. Swanson, Jr.,
recuses himself from all cases in which the following are parties, either plaintiff or
defendant, due to his prior relationship with these entities:

JP Morgan Chase, NA
The Northern Trust Company
Ocwen Financial
Ocwen Loan Servicing

This standing Order shall be effective beginning April 2, 2012.

/s/ Judge Alfred M. Swanson, Jr.

Standing Order No. 2
(Recusal from Certain Cases)
Chancery Calendar 56
Judge Laura Liu
Room 2802

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 63 (c)(1)(d), Judge Laura Liu, recuses herself from all cases and matters in which any of the following entities is a party:

Citigroup
Citicorp
Citibank
CitiMortgage
OneMain Financial (f/k/a CitiFinancial) and CitiFinancial
Citi Holdings

This Standing order is necessary because of a prior relationship.

This Standing Order shall be effective beginning April 2, 2012.

/s/ Judge Laura Liu

Standing Order No. 2
(Recusal from Certain Cases)
CHANCERY CALENDAR 60
Judge Jean Prendergast Rooney
Room 2803

Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court 63(c)(1)(d), Judge Jean Prendergast Rooney recuses herself from all cases in which the following entity is a party, either plaintiff or defendant:

BMO Harris Bank

This standing order is necessary because of a prior relationship with BMO Harris Bank. This standing order shall be effective beginning April 2, 2012.

/s/ Judge Jean Prendergast Rooney

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Plaintiff(s),)
v.) Case No. _____
_____,)
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Defendant(s).)
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE REASSIGNMENT/TRANSFER ORDER
(STANDING RECUSALS)

This matter being assigned to Calendar ☐ 55 (Judge Alfred M. Swanson) ☐ 56 (Judge Laura C. Liu) ☐ 60 (Judge Jean Prendergast Rooney); and the matter currently involving ☐ JP Morgan Chase, NA ☐ The Northern Trust Company ☐ Ocwen Financial ☐ Ocwen Loan Servicing ☐ Citigroup ☐ Citicorp ☐ Citibank ☐ CitiMortgage ☐ OneMain Financial (f/k/a CitiFinancial) ☐ Citi Holdings ☐ BMO Harris Bank, as ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant ☐ Third-Party; and coming before the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division pursuant to General Administrative Order 2012-05;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- (1) 8211 ☐ Judge Alfred M. Swanson (Calendar 55) ☐ Judge Laura C. Liu (Calendar 56) ☐ Judge Jean Prendergast Rooney (Calendar 60) recused himself or herself from the above entitled matter pursuant to Standing Order 2 entered by said Judge.
- (2) 4007 The matter has been transferred to the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division for the purpose of reassigning the case pursuant to General Administrative Order 2012-05.
- (3) 4282 The above entitled cause is hereby reassigned to Calendar ____, Judge _____.
- (4) 4331 ☐ The case management date of ____/____/____ previously set to be heard on Calendar ☐ 55 ☐ 56 ☐ 60 is stricken.
- 4619 ☐ A new case management date of ____/____/____ at _____ AM/PM in Courtroom _____ is set to be heard on Calendar _____.

Attorney No.: _____
Name: _____
Atty. For: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____

ENTERED:

Dated: _____, _____

Judge Moshe Jacobius

Judge's No.